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IT'S BEEN RIGHT IN FRONT
OF US THIS WHOLE TIME...

IT SEEMED LIKE
HE WAS PUTTING
ALL HIS ATTENTION
ON BUILDING UP THE
EGGDOME BEFORE
HE LOST HIS
MARBLES.

AND
THEN HE UP
AND VANISHED.
WHICH, TO ME,
MEANS HE'S GOT
TO BE HIDING
IN THERE...

I KNOW
IT'S REALLY
SUSPICIOUS THAT
DR. ROBOTNIK
AND SNIVELY HAVE
BEEN MISSING
SINCE THEN, BUT
YOU WOULD
THINK THEY'D
HAVE ATTACKED
BY NOW,
RIGHT?

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*STH #212

...AND
WE'VE SEEN
ROTOR'S
PEOPLE USED
AS LABORERS
AND SECURITY
FOR THE CON-
STRUCTION OF
SOMETHING.
IT LOOKS
LIKE A RE-
FUELING
STATION,
BUT IT'S
WAY TOO
BIG.

*STH #215

IT DON'T
MATTER WHAT THIS
REFINERY IS FOR!
IT DON'T MATTER
HE'S BUILT A
REFUELIN' STATION
FOR SOMETHING
BIGGER THAN HE'S
EVER FLOWN.

*STH #218

WELCOME TO THE PLANET *MOBIUS*--
A WORLD *UNIQUE AND BEYOND* WHAT
YOU KNOW FROM THE *SEGA GAMES*--
WHERE *SONIC* AND THE HEROIC
FREEDOM FIGHTERS WORK TO
SAVE THE WORLD FROM THE
FORCES OF EVIL!

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ONE **STEP**
FORWARD...

HOW DID
WE MISS IT?
THE EGGDOME
WASN'T JUST A
BUNKER. HE
WAS REBUILDING
THE *DEATH*
EGG!





IS IT AS DIRE AS THE QUICKSTER SAYS?

I WAS GUARDING MAXIMILLIAN THE FIRST TIME HE LAUNCHED THE DEATH EGG, SO I DON'T HAVE FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE.* ALL THE SAME, WE CAN'T TAKE ROBOTNIK LIGHTLY.

Y'KNOW, THE TIMING IS A LITTLE TOO PERFECT. IF YOU'RE HELPING EGGMAN, TOO--!

OH, I SHOOT ONE BLOKE IN THE BACK, AND NOW...

...I'M GUILTY OF EVERYTHING?

*DEATH EGG SAGA MINI SERIES.

NAUGUS...

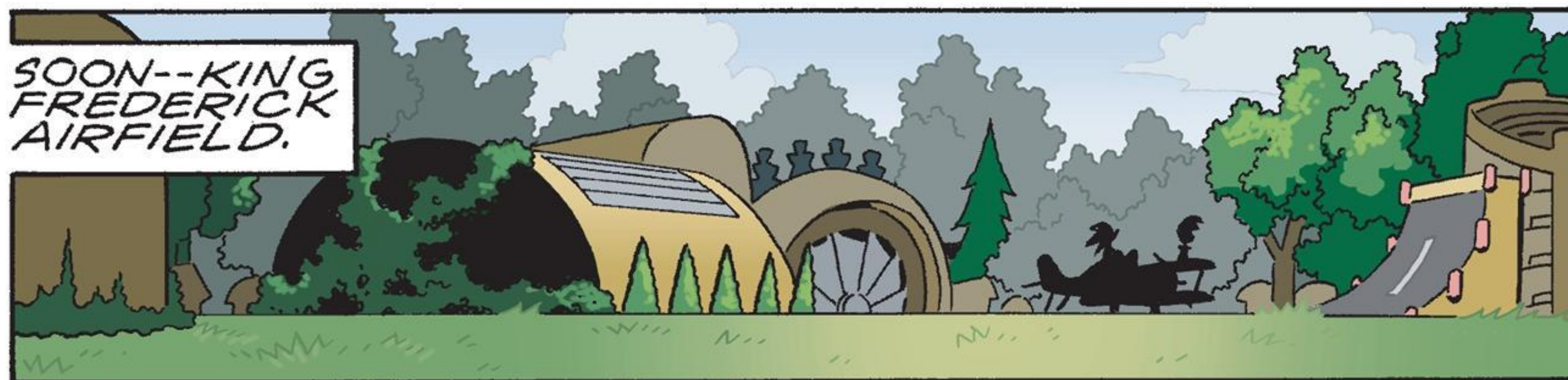
...DR. ROBOTNIK HAS BEEN IN HIDING FOR WEEKS. IF HE'S MAKING A PLAY THIS BIG, HE'LL HAVE THE ABILITY TO BACK IT UP.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE KINGDOM, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CALL A TRUCE FOR NOW.





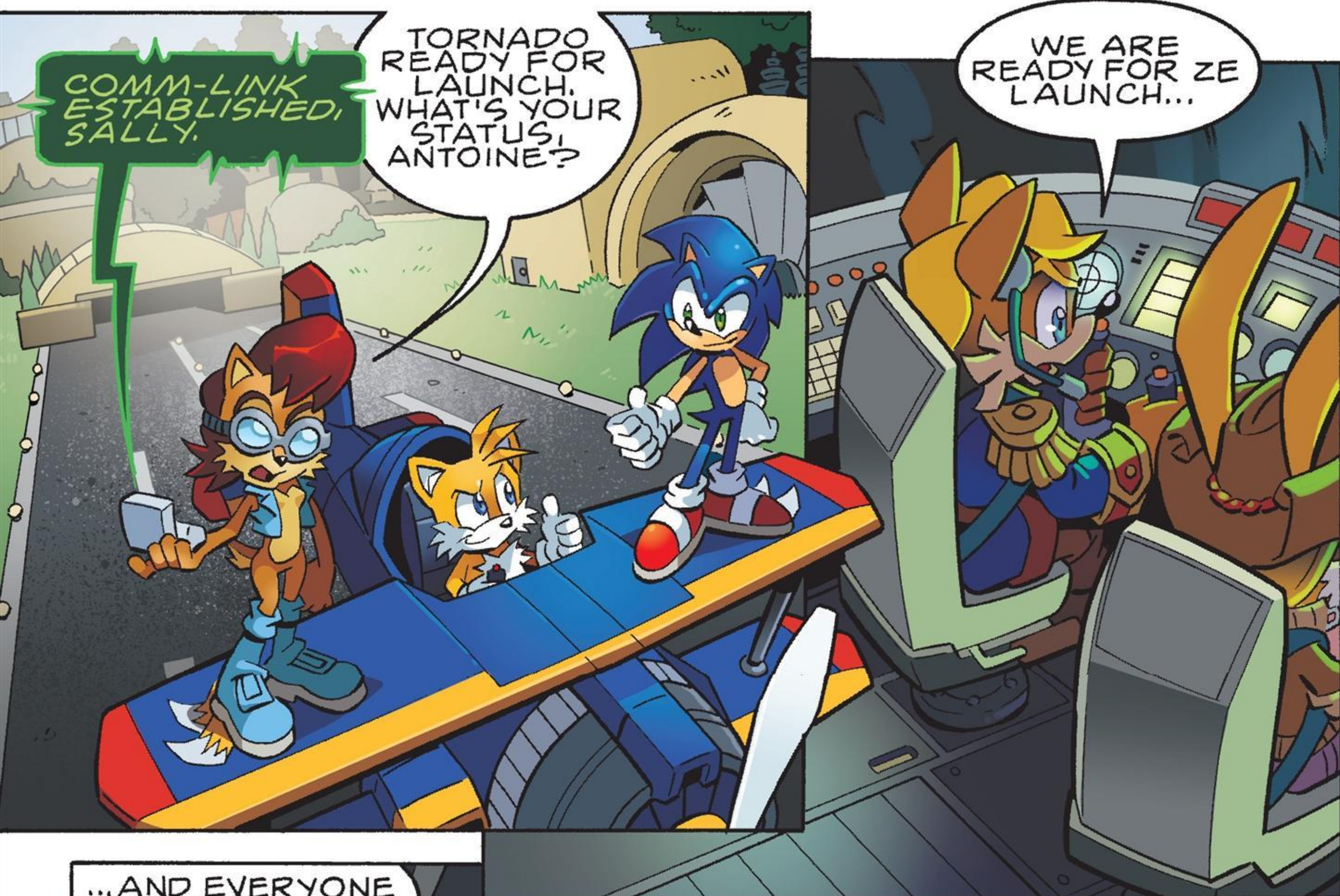
SOON--KING
FREDERICK
AIRFIELD.



COMM-LINK
ESTABLISHED,
SALLY.

TORNADO
READY FOR
LAUNCH.
WHAT'S YOUR
STATUS,
ANTOINE?

WE ARE
READY FOR ZE
LAUNCH...



...AND EVERYONE
IS SECURED.

YOU'RE
NOT ALL THAT
THREATENING,
LUV.

KEEP
TELLING
YOURSELF
THAT.



DEATH EGG--
CONTROL
ROOM...

CHAOS
EMERALD ENERGY
FEED IS STABLE.
ENGINES ARE AT
OPTIMAL BURN.

OPERATION:
CLEAN SWEEP IS
CHARGING, AND
ALL SYSTEMS
ARE GREEN.

GOOD, GOOD.
EVERYTHING
IS RUNNING
LIKE CLOCK-
WORK.

SIR!
WE HAVE
RESISTANCE
INBOUND!

HA
HA HA!
RIGHT ON
TIME!
DOES THE
RODENT
LOOK
WORRIED,
SNIVELY?

ACTUALLY,
SIR, IT'S IXXIS
NAUGUS!

NAUGUS
?!

UGH!





WHAT
IS
THAT?

AN OLD FOE,
AND THE
REASON I
LIKE SCIENCE
OVER MAGIC.
HE'S *SUPPOSED*
TO BE A MIND-
LESS, DROOLING
MONSTER!

NO, NO,
YOU'VE BEEN
OVER THIS!
EXPECT THE
UNEXPECTED.
CHAOS IS THE
CONSTANT...

MORE
RESISTANCE
INBOUND!
CONFIRMED
FREEDOM
FIGHTER
AIRCRAFT!

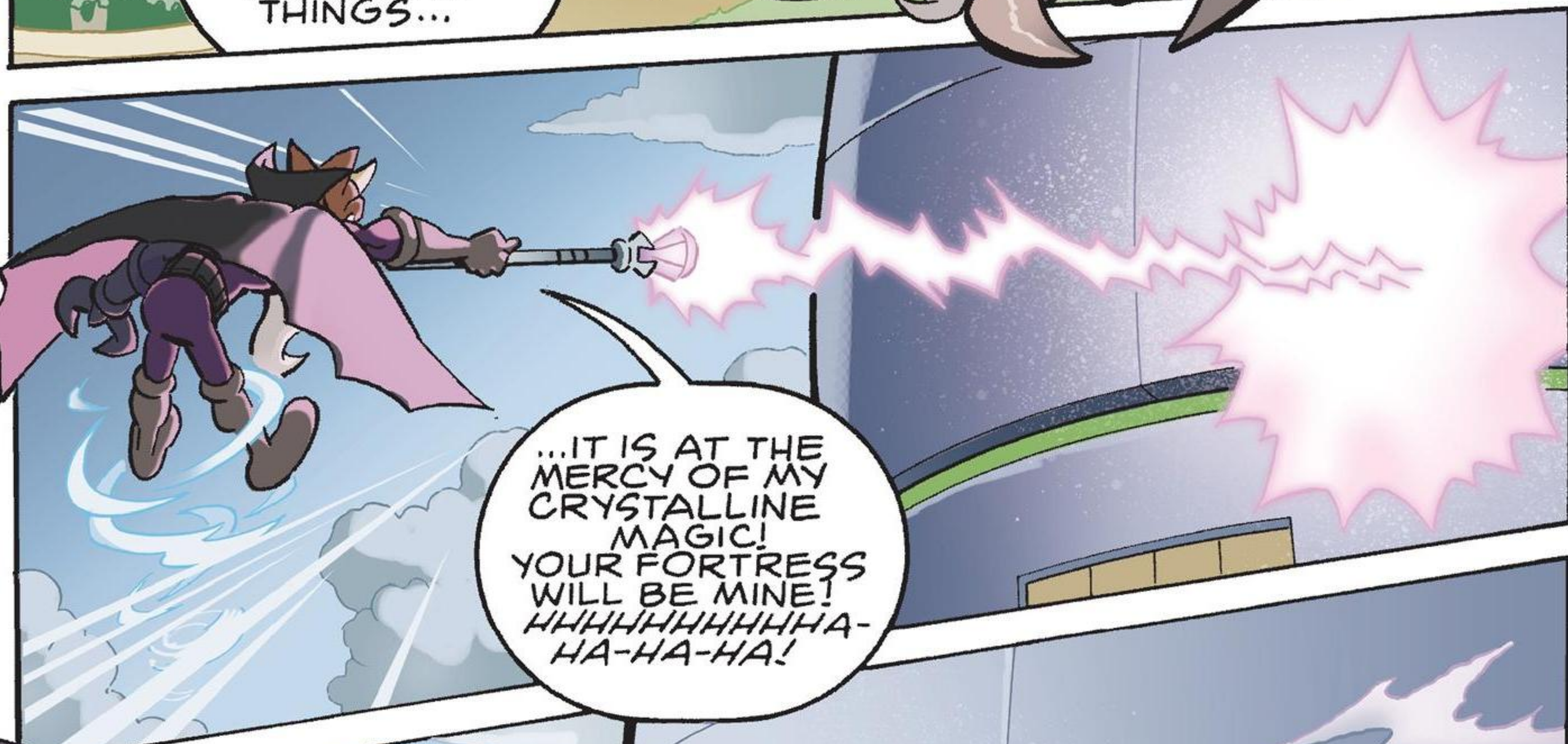
THAT'S
MORE LIKE IT!
AUTHORIZE ALL
AUTOMATED
DEFENSES!
DON'T
BOTHER
WITH THE
HEDGEHOG!

EXCUSE
ME, SIR...
BUT... *DON'T*
AIM AT
SONIC?

YOU
HEARD
ME! YOU'D
NEVER
HIT HIM
ANYWAY.
SHOOT
DOWN
THE
REST!



QUITE THE
IMPRESSIVE
CONSTRUCT!
BUT AS WITH ALL
SYNTHETIC
THINGS...



...IT IS AT THE
MERCY OF MY
CRYSTALLINE
MAGIC!
YOUR FORTRESS
WILL BE MINE!
HHHHHHHHHA-
HA-HA-HA!



HA-
HA-HUH?!
IT RESISTS?
WHAT
SORCERY
IS THIS?!



POWER
RING
INTERNAL
MATRIX
HOLDING,
SIR.

SEE,
SNIVELY?
WITH AN
ARMY OF
SLAVE
LABORERS,
YOU CAN
COLLECT ENOUGH
RINGS TO
ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING!



ZAP

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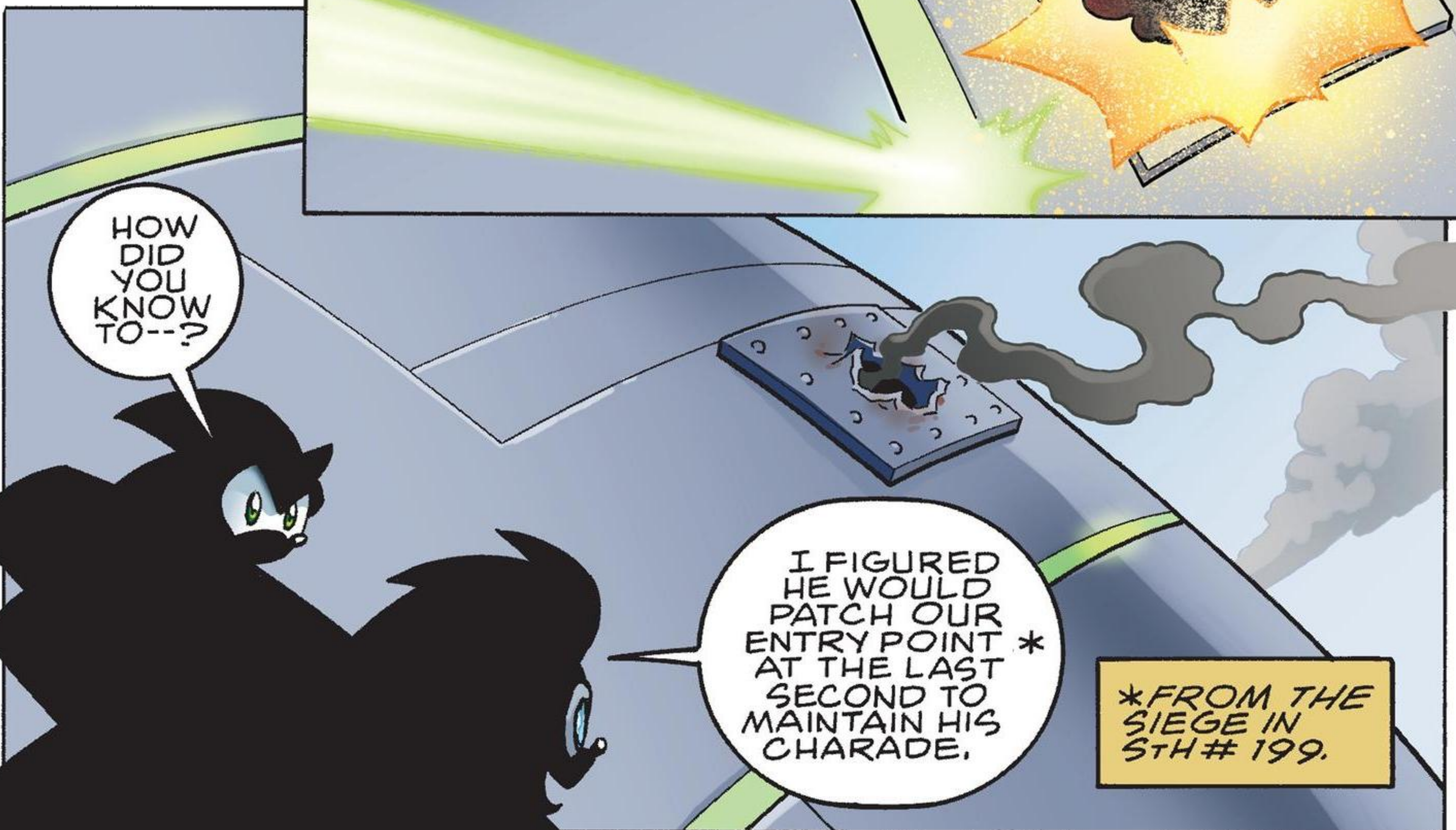
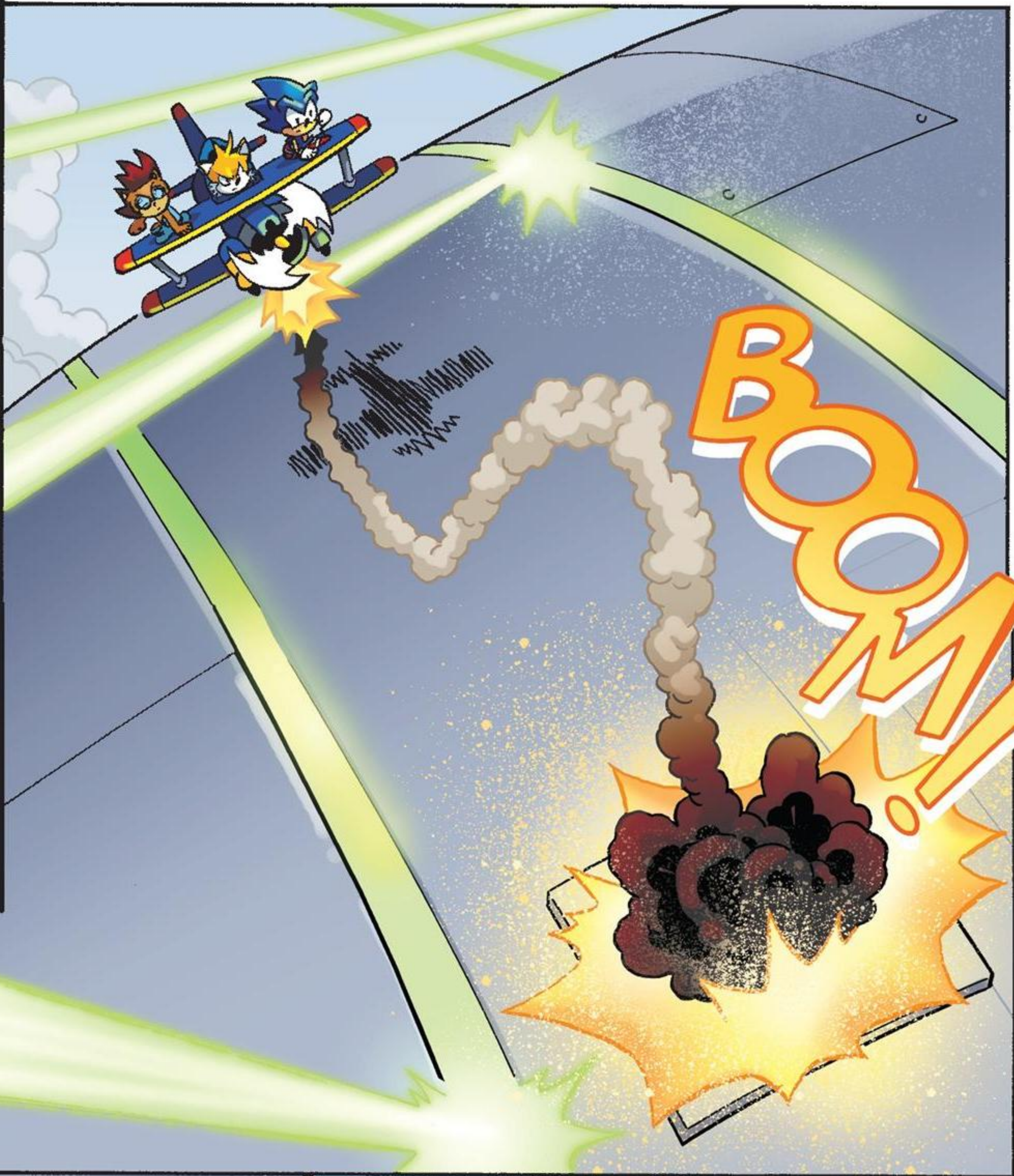
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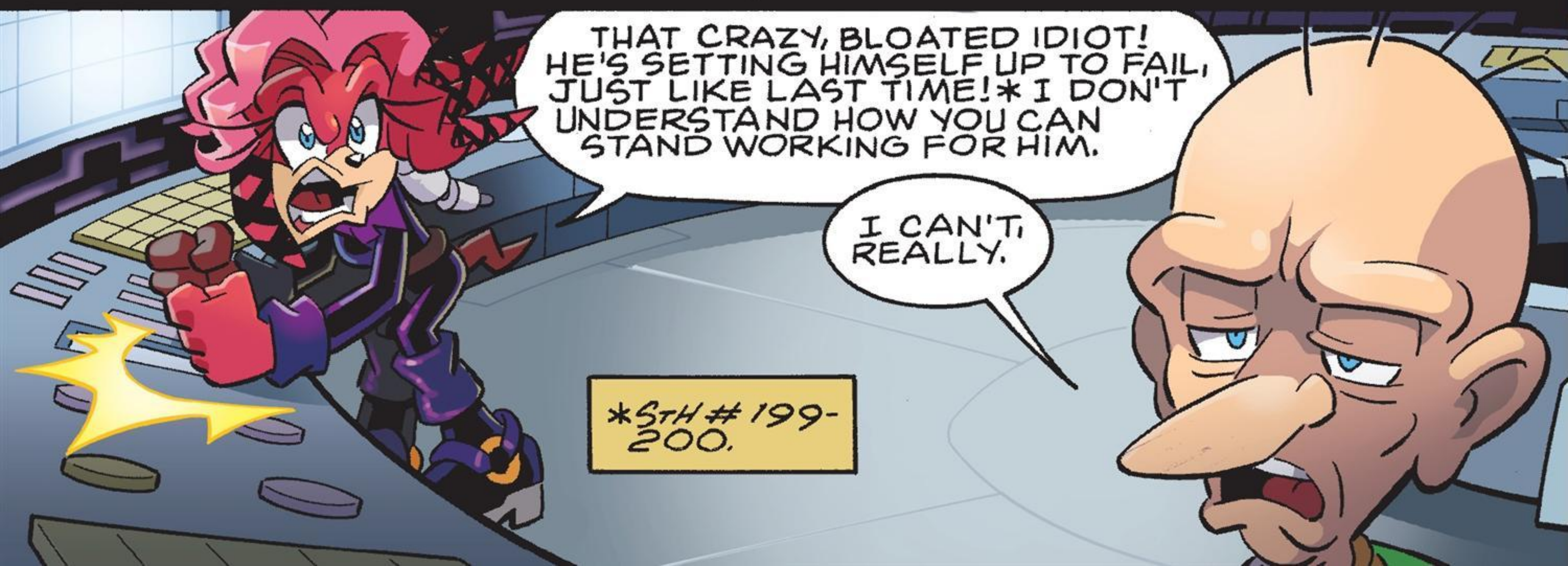
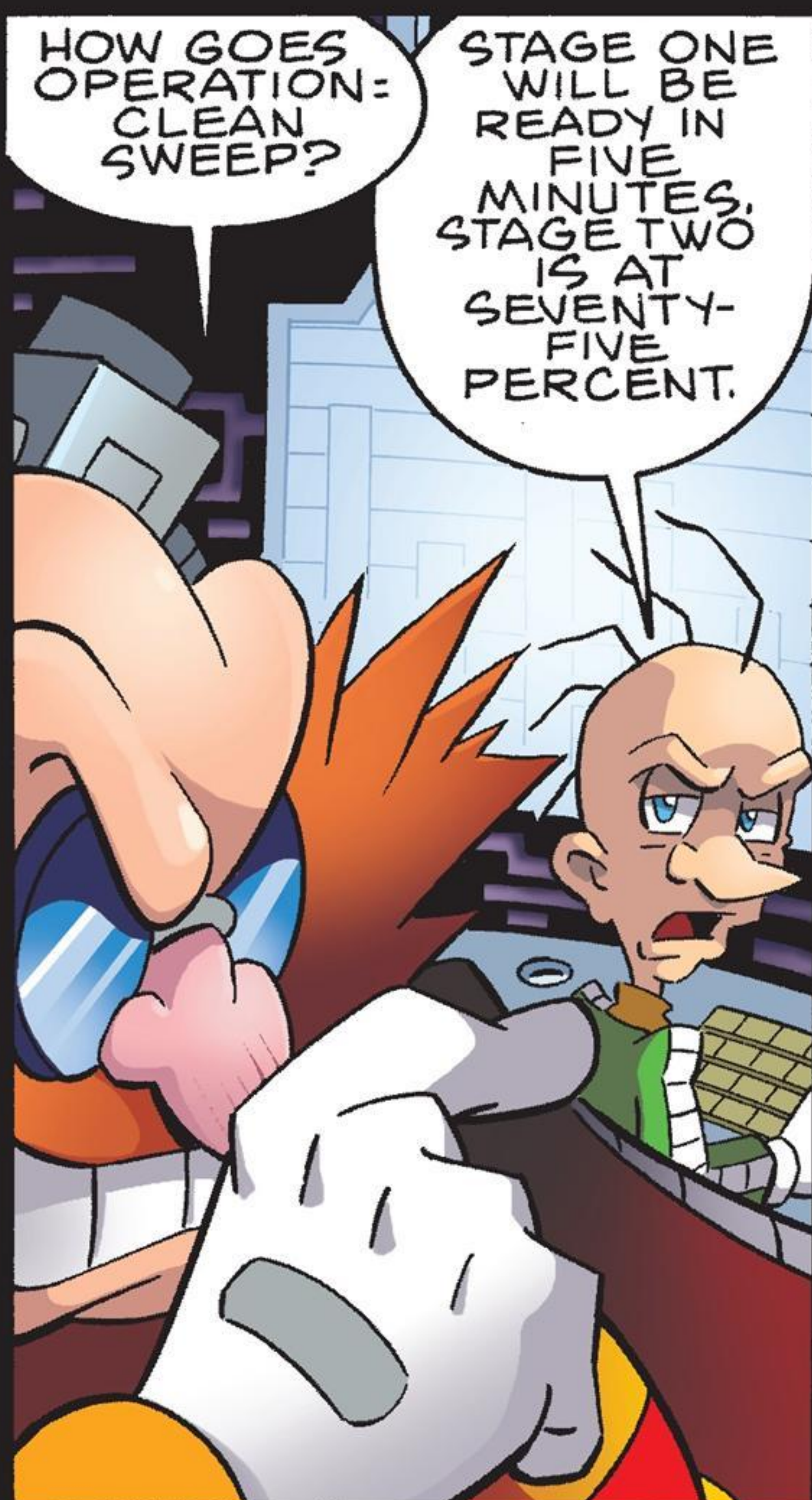
ZAP

Y'KNOW, I'LL ACCEPT THAT HE'S BACK. BUT I FEEL REALLY STUPID FOR NOT FIGURING OUT HIS PLAN.

I MEAN, WE SEARCHED ALL OVER THAT STUPID PLACE! MULTIPLE TIMES!

SO IF THAT'S THE NORTH-FACING WALL...





*STH # 199-200.



SONIC AND I ARE GOING AHEAD. HAVE THE OTHERS DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO DRAW THE ATTENTION AWAY FROM US!

ROGER THAT!

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO RISK THIS? I DON'T WANT TO GET SLAPPED AROUND AGAIN.

OH, SHUT UP AND KISS ME FOR LUCK.



WHUMP



SO
WHERE
TO,
SAL?

I'M NOT
SURE.

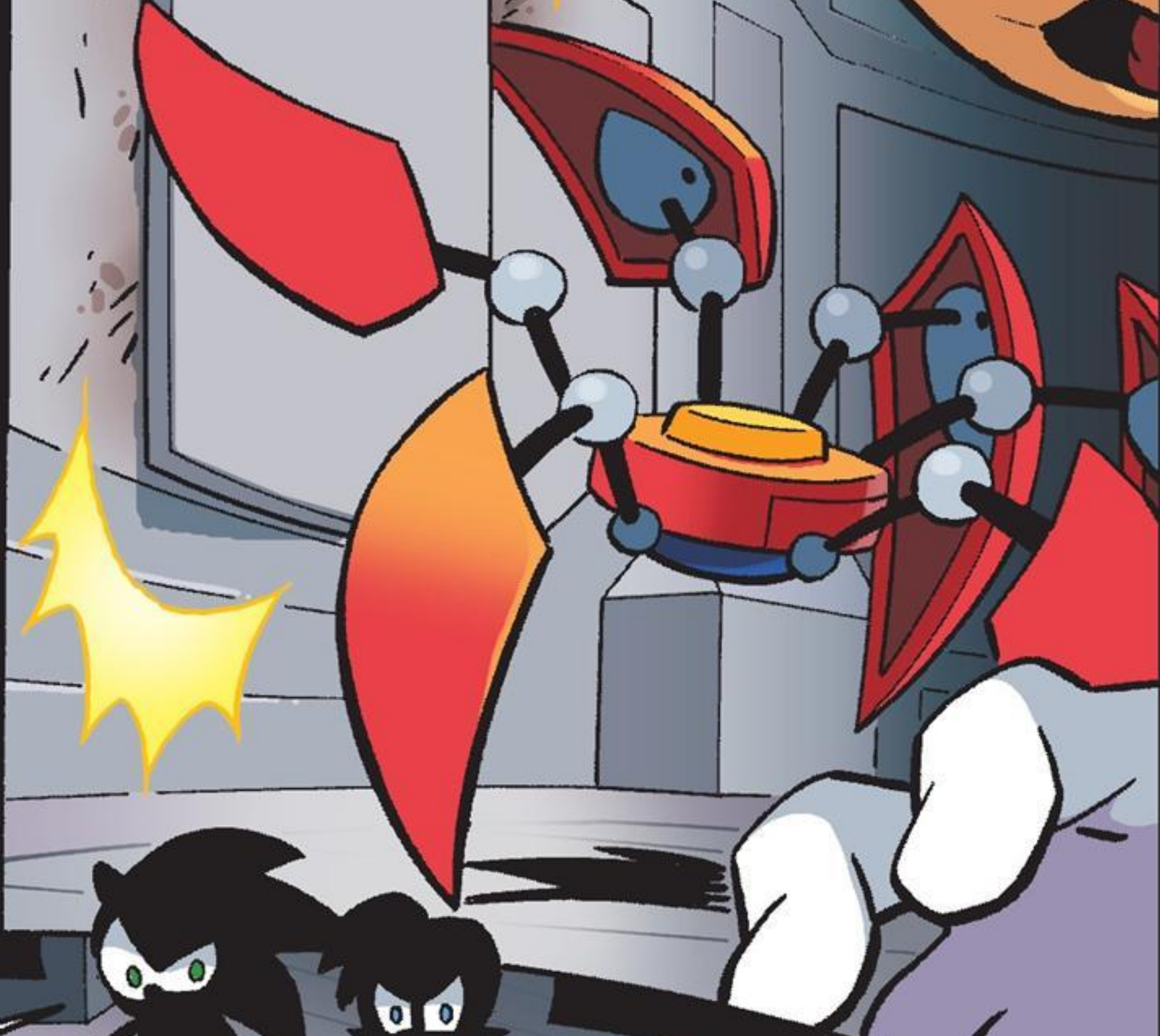
ROBOTNIK HID
THE LOWER DECKS FROM
US PERFECTLY. WE ALSO
HAVE TO CONSIDER THE
HALLWAYS WE SEARCHED
BEFORE AS JUST
DECOYS...



LOOKS
LIKE THE DOC
INSISTS WE
STAY FOR
DINNER.



SLAM!



AND IT
CUTS US OFF
FROM ANY
CHANCE AT
BACK-UP.
WE'RE ON
OUR OWN.





OR I COULD, Y'KNOW, SMASH THAT ROBOT. IT'S KIND OF MY THING.

NO. THIS IS CLASSIC ROBOTNIK EGOTISM. HE'S INVITING US INTO HIS TRAP, AND WE'LL USE THAT TO OUR ADVANTAGE. WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE'S UP TO YET.

ANYTHING, NICOLE?

JUST AS BEFORE, SALLY-- NOTHING.



AND...HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP?

I WOULD PREFER TO FOCUS ON THE MISSION RIGHT NOW.



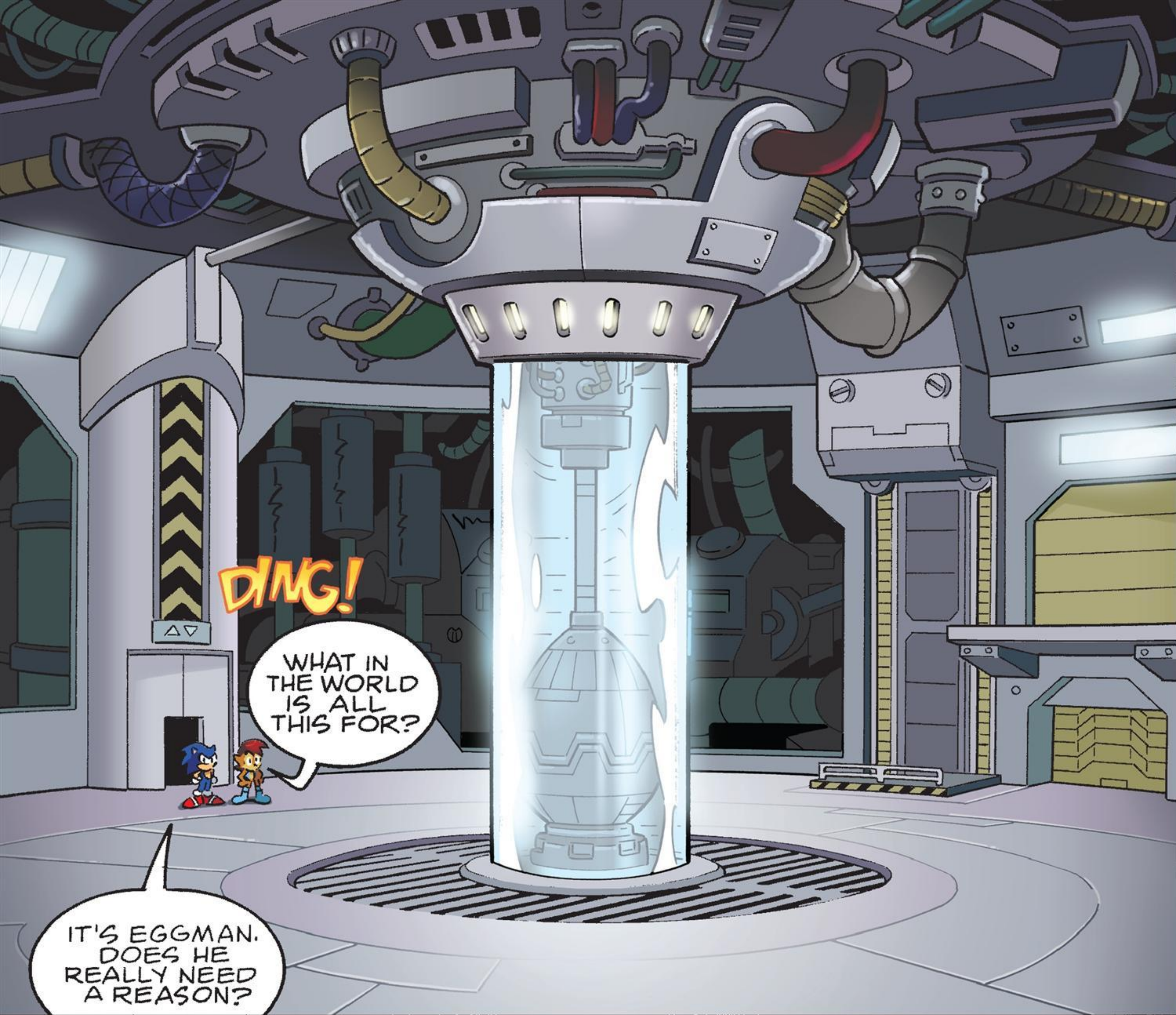
I UNDERSTAND. WE'LL TALK ONCE THIS IS... **EEP!**

SWOOP!



THIS IS ADDING INSULT TO INJURY. I SEARCHED THIS HALLWAY HOW MANY TIMES, AND THIS STUPID ELEVATOR WAS HERE ALL ALONG?

FOCUS, SONIC. BE READY FOR ANYTHING.



DING!

WHAT IN
THE WORLD
IS ALL
THIS FOR?

IT'S EGGMAN.
DOES HE
REALLY NEED
A REASON?

WELCOME! WEL-
COME! IT FEELS
LIKE IT'S BEEN
AGES SINCE OUR
LAST GET TO-
GETHER!

I'LL ADMIT, I MISS
KICKING YOUR WIDE
BUTT. VERY EASY ON
THE OL' SNEAKERS.

IT'S REFRESHING TO
KNOW YOUR BATTLES
WITH THE IRON QUEEN
DIDN'T DULL THAT
OBNOXIOUS STREAK
OF YOURS. IN A MASO-
CHISTIC WAY, I MEAN.

NOTHING'S
CHANGED,
DOC! COME
ON OUT SO
WE CAN
TUSSELE
FOR OLD
TIME'S
SAKE!

SONIC,
SOME-
THING'S
COMING
UP THE
ELEVATOR.

AH-AH-AH, RODENT!
TO EARN AN AUDI-
ENCE WITH ME, YOU'VE
GOT TO PROVE YOU'VE
STILL GOT IT!

DING!





OH,
SWEET!
IT WOULDN'T
BE A DEATH
EGG WITHOUT
A *SILVER*
SONIC TO
FIGHT!

IT LOOKS
FIERCER
THAN THE
ONE IN
STATION
SQUARE!*

YEAH! AND
THE
ORIGINAL
NEARLY
SMASHED
ME INTO
CHILI-SAUCE.
**
THIS IS
GOING TO BE
AWESOME!

THIS
ISN'T
SOMETHING
TO CELE-
BRATE!



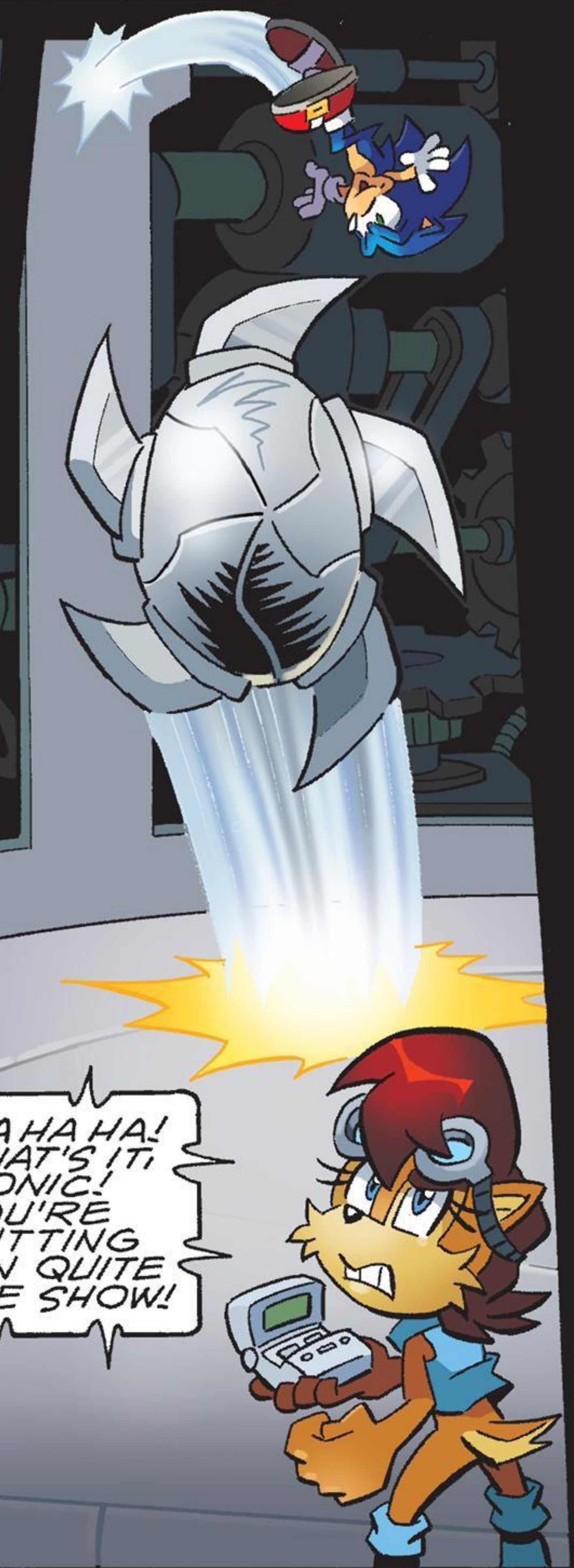
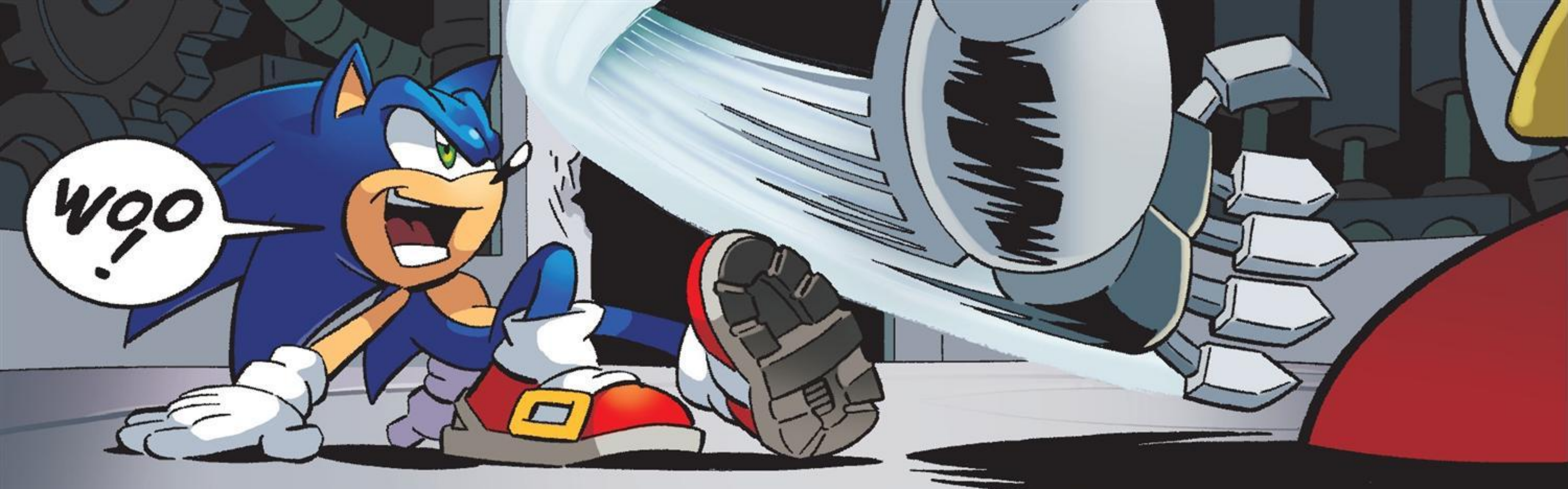
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**DEATH EGG SAGA
MINI-SERIES



ARE YOU
KIDDING?
LOOK AT
IT!



WHAM!





NOW, NOW, PRINCESS, DON'T RUIN HIS FUN...! AFTER ALL, YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE.

REMEMBER, IT WAS YOUR CHARITY THAT LEFT ME IN SNIVELY'S CARE WHEN I HAD MY...LITTLE EPISODE.* HAD YOU BEEN RUTHLESS ENOUGH, YOU COULD'VE ENDED ME RIGHT THEN AND THERE.



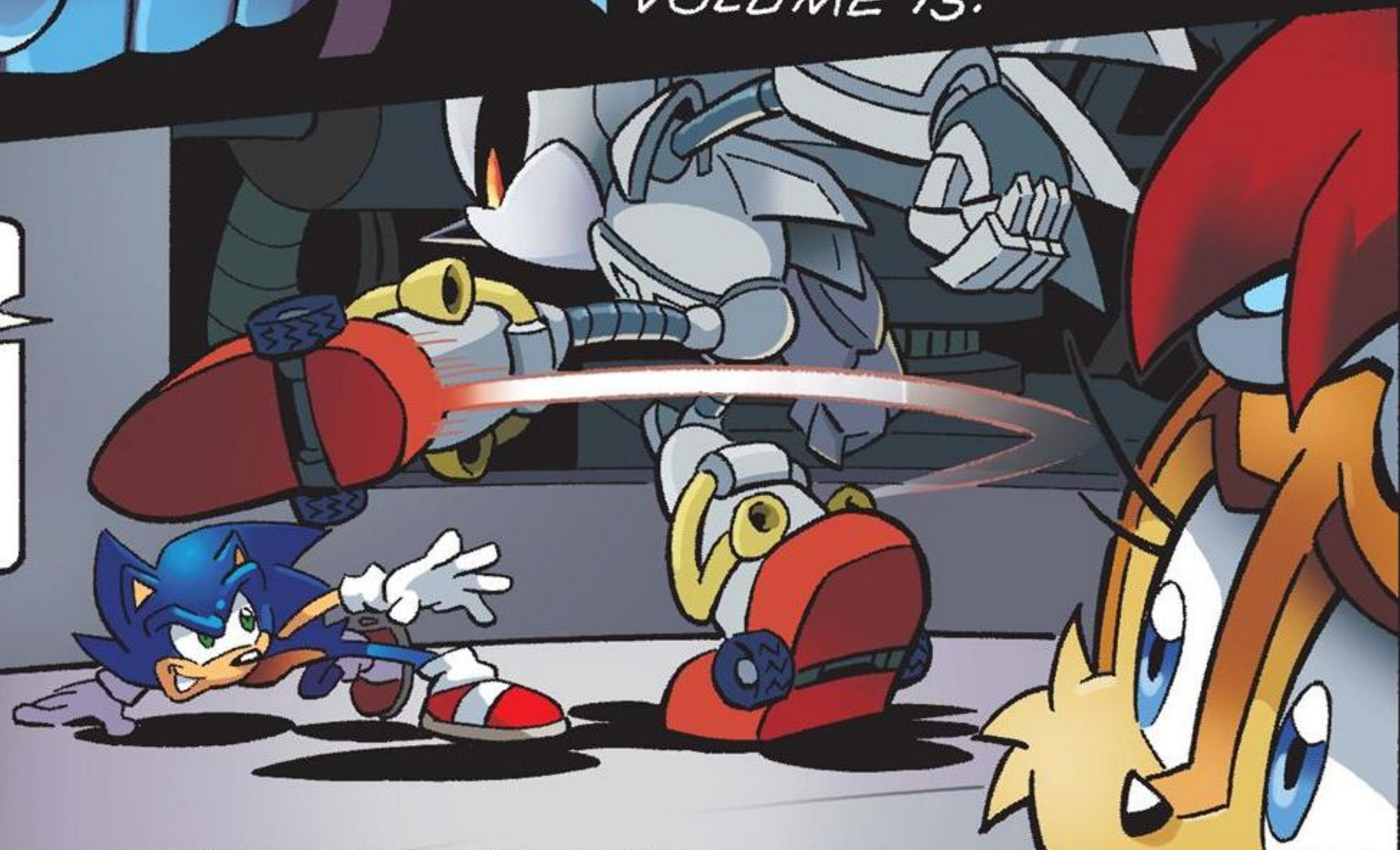
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I SUPPOSE YOU INHERITED THAT WEAKNESS FROM YOUR FATHER. AFTER ALL, IF HE HADN'T TAKEN IN THAT POOR OVERLANDER ALL THOSE YEARS AGO, NONE OF THIS WOULD'VE EVER HAPPENED! **

**SONIC ARCHIVES VOLUME 13.

YOU'VE HAD YOUR MINOR VICTORIES, TO BE SURE, BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOU HAD SONIC'S SUPERIOR ABILITIES TO MAKE UP FOR YOUR WEAKNESSES.





AND
YOU--
ACK!

SIR,
STAGE
ONE IS
FULLY
CHARGED
AND
READY.



MARVELOUS!

TH-
TH-THIS
WILL
AFFECT
US ALL,
YOU
KNOW...

OH,
GROW UP.
YOU WON'T
FEEL A
THING.

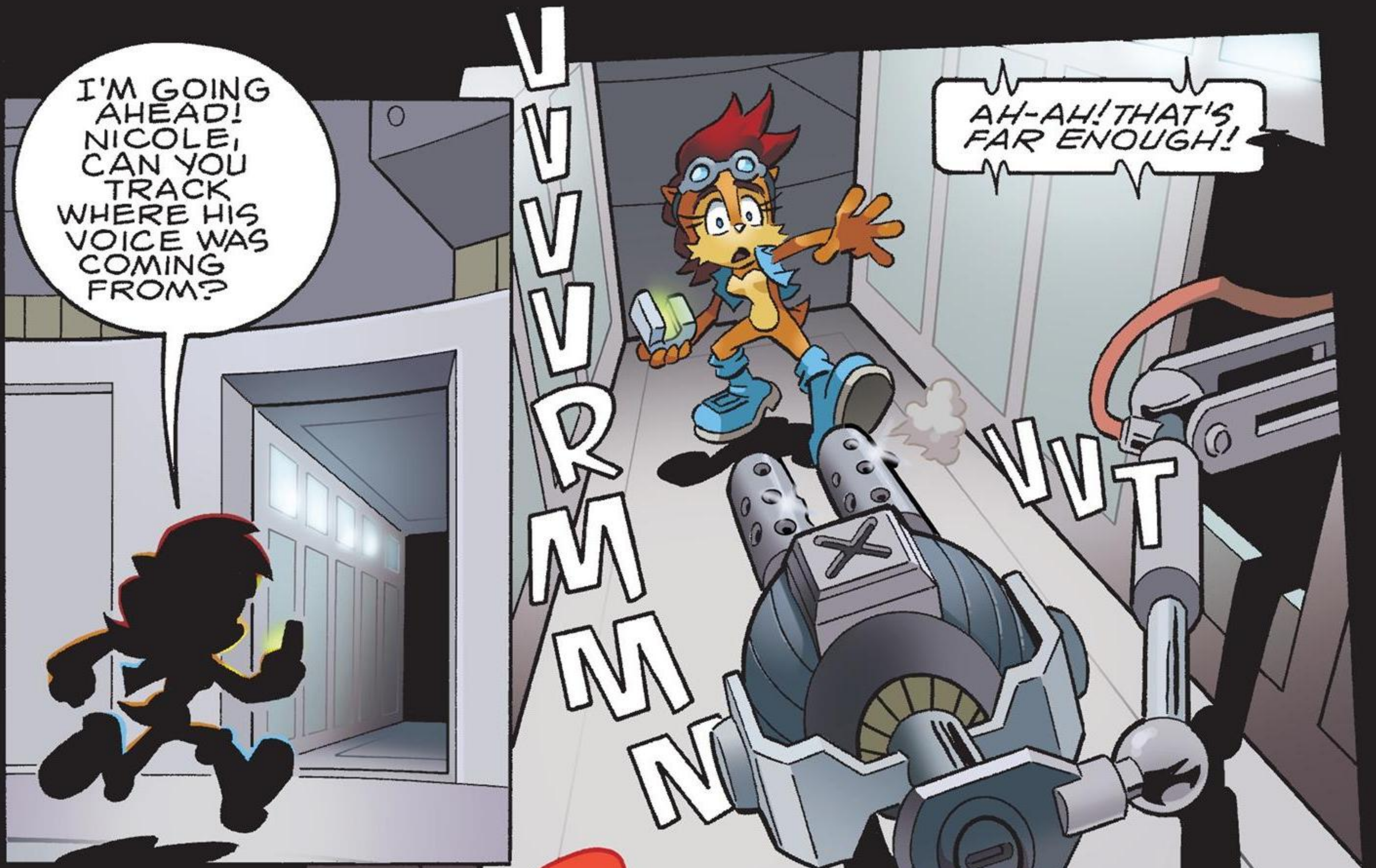
IT'S BEEN FUN, CHILDREN.
BUT THE WEAPON IS
ARMED, AND I MUST GET
TO FIRING IT. FAREWELL!



SONIC!
WE'RE
OUT OF
TIME!
WE'VE
GOT TO
MOVE!



SORRY,
WHAT? JUST
A SEC! I'M
NOT DONE
WITH "TINY"
HERE.



I'M GOING AHEAD! NICOLE, CAN YOU TRACK WHERE HIS VOICE WAS COMING FROM?

AH-AH! THAT'S FAR ENOUGH!

V
V
V
V
R
M
M
M
N

VVT

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

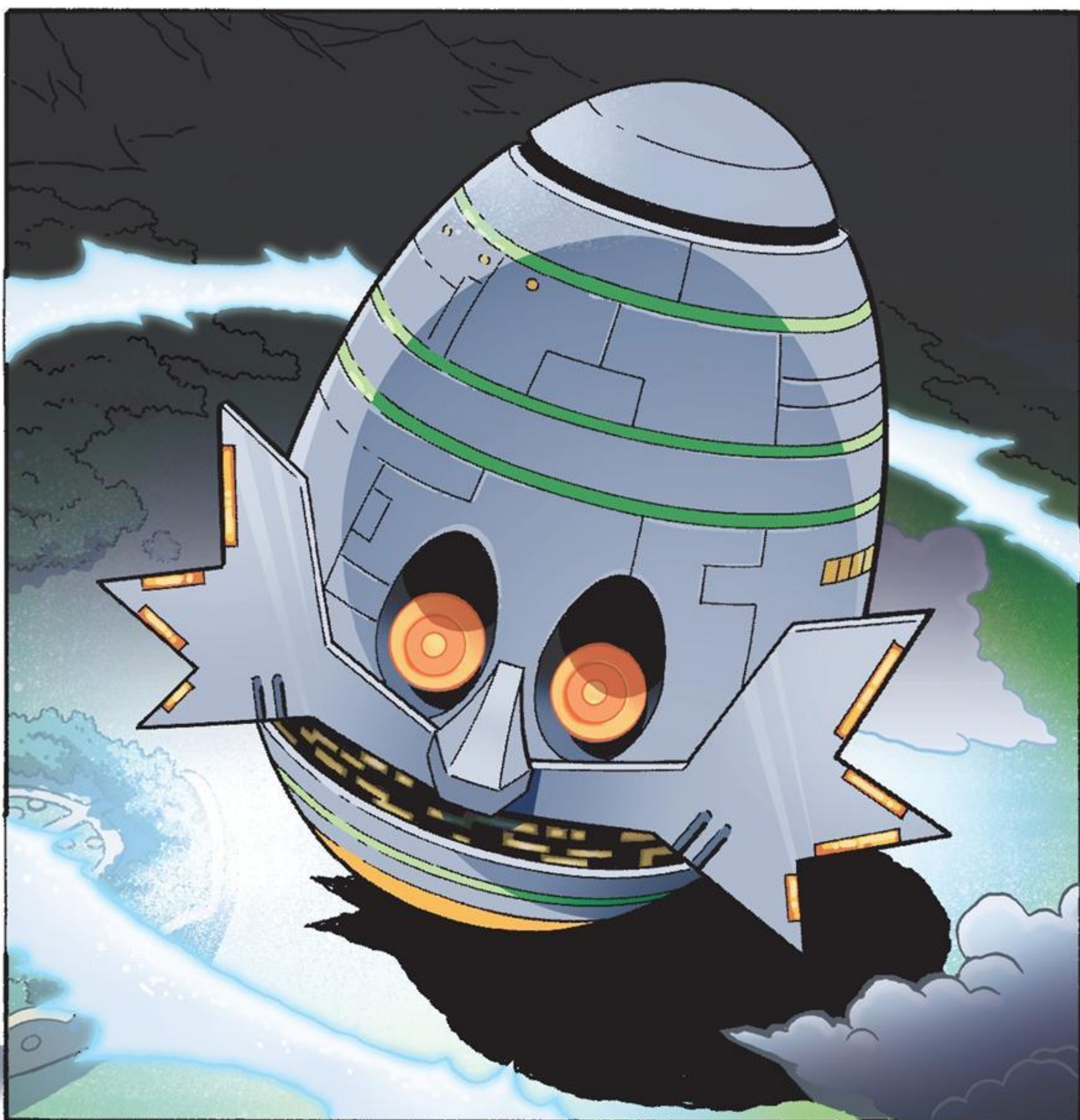


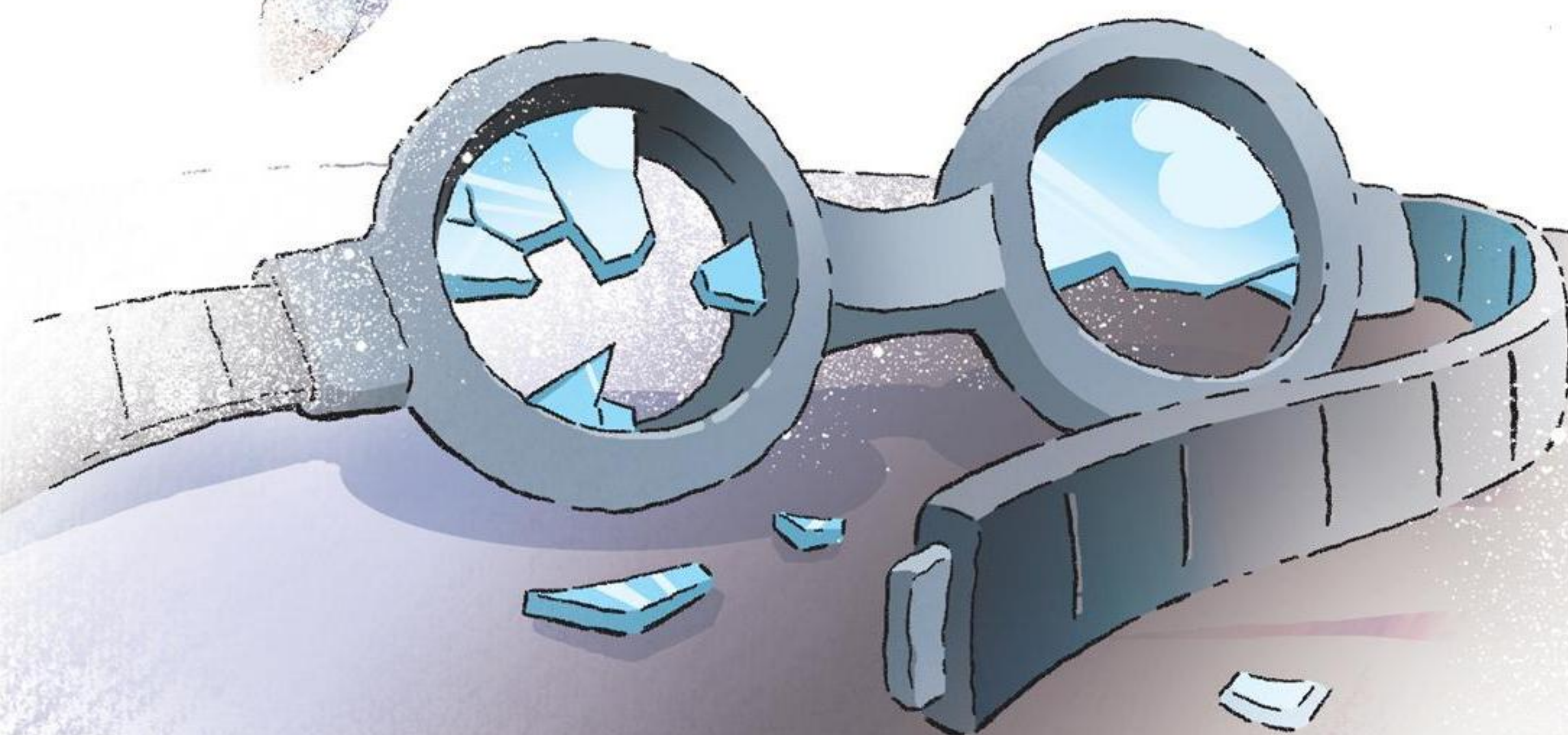
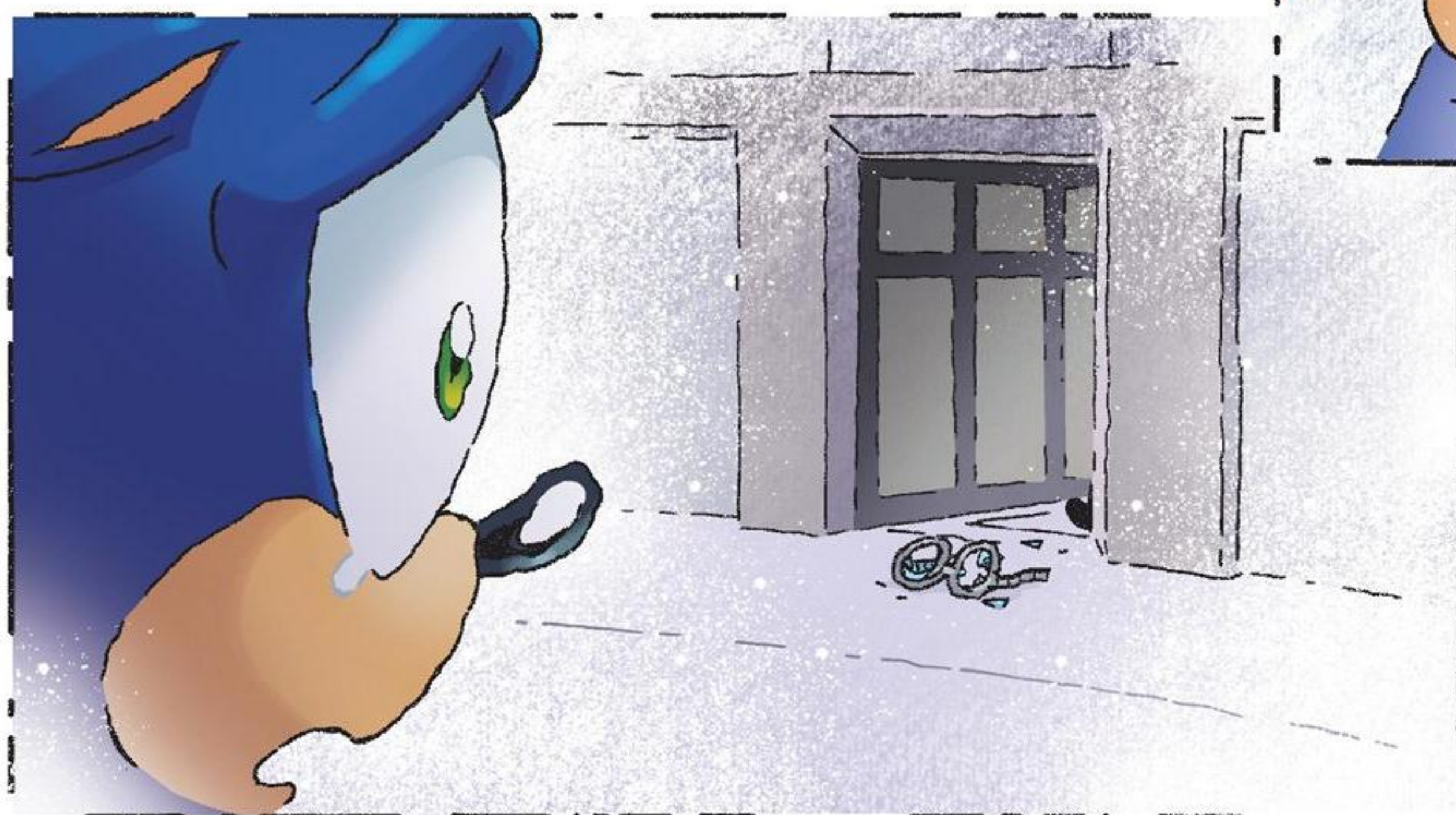
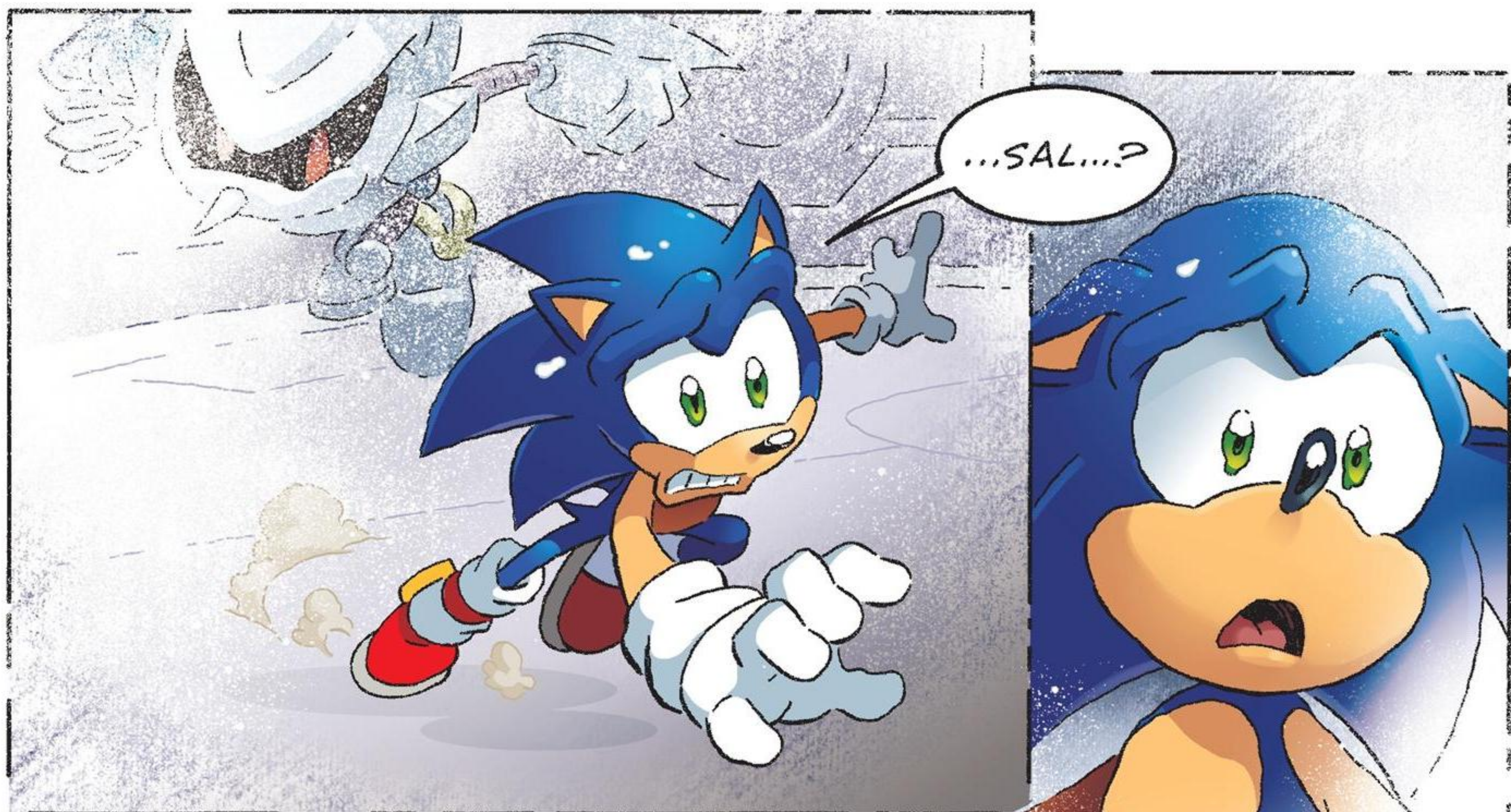
SALLY!



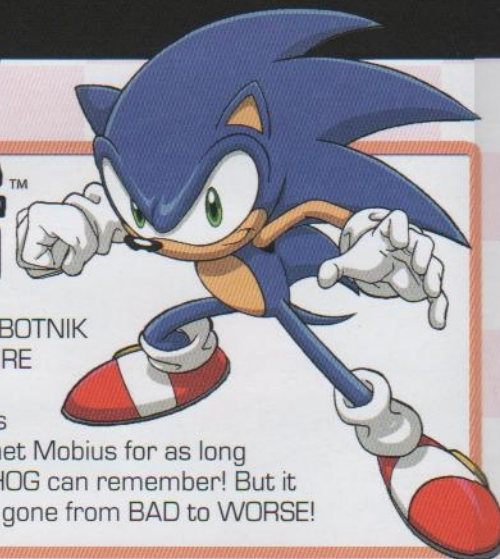
GRNK!

BOOP





PREVIOUSLY IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HEROES



DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK and his EGGMAN EMPIRE have threatened the freedom and happiness of everyone on the planet Mobius for as long as SONIC THE HEDGEHOG can remember! But it seems like things have gone from BAD to WORSE!

SONIC AND SALLY

Hero and Heroine of Mobius!

NICOLE

Totally awesome hero made from tiny machines called NANITES!

VILLIANS

DR. EGGMAN

He's Got the Master Plan!

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN

Traitorous Skunk?

IXIS NAUGUS

The Wizard Who Could be King...

IT BEGAN WITH A BEATDOWN!

Sonic and Eggman fought what they thought was their final battle! Eggman's city had been reduced to ruin and only his **EGGDOME** bunker remained!

Sonic's victory drove Dr. Eggman to complete MADNESS! Our heroes had saved the world!

Or so they thought...



THEN CAME THE IRON DOMINION!

Led by shrewd technomancer THE IRON QUEEN, the IRON DOMINION took over the EggDome and the empire!

With a legion of ninja, her partner THE IRON KING, and Eggman's own love-stricken nephew, SNIVELY, the IRON DOMINION conquered Sonic's city of New Mobotropolis!

Sonic, accompanied by SALLY, TAILS and MONKEY KHAN, led the heroes in their fight for freedom, traveling to the Dragon Kingdom to disrupt the Iron Queen's support from abroad!

EGGMAN: BACK FROM THE BRINK



In the chaos that ensued between the Freedom Fighters and the Iron Dominion, Dr. Eggman escaped! What was once a babbling, drooling shell of a man had "reasoned" his way back to sanity. Every failure, setback, and defeat -- all at the hands of Sonic -- suddenly made sense.

Taking Snively and "what was left" of his subordinate LIEN-DA, he snuck into the darkest corners of the EggDome and began to work in the shadows...

THE RETURN OF IXIS NAUGUS

With the IRON DOMINION defeated and EGGMAN in hiding, our heroes finally had a moment to rest!

But that didn't last long! Sonic was betrayed by former ally GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, who revealed himself to be a sleeper agent of the evil wizard IXIS NAUGUS! Manipulating pop-star MINA MONGOOSE and agitating leftover stress from the Iron Dominion invasion, this new duo began sowing seeds of fear into the minds of New Mobotropolis's citizens, all in a carefully planned attempt at making Naugus king!

TERROR FROM TWO SIDES!

Sonic turned his attention inward to deal with the crisis at home. In doing so, he forgot about the Eggman... And now, "The Doctor is in!"

Since the fall of the IRON DOMINION, the doctor's cyborg army, THE DARK EGG LEGION, began constructing massive docking stations across the planet. But why? What was EGGMAN doing all this time?

He has finished his greatest creation. With the BLUE CHAOS EMERALD powering its core, he has revealed the EggDome's true purpose!

What has been hiding in plain sight for over twenty-five issues launched with an earth-shattering force!

THE DEATH EGG HAS RETURNED.

